

WAITING.

MACHINERY A SOURCE OF RUIN.
On any given farm in Switzerland or Bavaria, fifty years ago, the master and servants lived in abundance, on the produce of their ground, without machinery, and exchanged none of its surplus produce for Lyons velvet and Paris silver (produced by the unhappy mechanists and miners of the localities), whereas the happy peasant made rackets and bodices, and richly adorned them with precious chainwork. Only about three years since I saw in a farm-shed near Thun three handsome youths and three country girls, all in well-fitting, pretty, and somewhat white shirt and chemise, and wearing caps with a sherry-coloured ribbon, and bound with silk and gold—evidence, shall we, literal evidence—as the most exquisitely performed work, and as rapid as its swiftest counterpart. There was no question for any of the whether they should have their dinner while they had earned it, nor slightest chance of any of the going in rags through winter. That our countrymen are happy and wise human beings, is a theoretical or Utopian state at best; but one which over large districts of the world has long existed, and must, thank God, in spite of British commerce and its consequences, for ever, somewhere, exist. But if we will say, anywhere under ordinary circumstances, that it is to say, the ground can afford corn and milk enough for six people on it. Do you suppose you will live more of the corn,—because you now thresh with a machine? So far from needing to do so, you have more hands to employ instead of fewer. You make your twelve human creatures

The Net Profits resulting for Contributions, may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

Secretary
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

5th 1203 Hongkong, 1st August, 1874.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1873

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Underwriting with a list of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the Distribution of Twenty per cent. (20%) of the Net Profit reserved for Contributors may be arranged.

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General Manager
JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

4th 1029 Hongkong, 1st July 1874.

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1873

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Secretary
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

3rd 1202 Hongkong, 1st August, 1874.

AND ORIENTAL
LIFE INSURANCE

OF MANCHESTER
LONDON

COTTON GOODS.

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12	Shantung	14.80	15.00
13	Bengal	11.00	14.50
14		1.80	1.85

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Nation.	Tons.	1876.
United States	1,000,000	1,000,000
Great Britain	500,000	500,000
France	200,000	200,000
Germany	100,000	100,000
Italy	50,000	50,000
Spain	20,000	20,000
Portugal	10,000	10,000
Belgium	5,000	5,000
Netherlands	5,000	5,000
Sweden	5,000	5,000
Denmark	5,000	5,000
Prussia	5,000	5,000
Austria	5,000	5,000
Switzerland	5,000	5,000
Poland	5,000	5,000
Russia	5,000	5,000
Japan	5,000	5,000
China	5,000	5,000
India	5,000	5,000
Other countries	5,000	5,000
Total	1,750,000	1,750,000
